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**Today** the paraments are green as we continue the “normal time” of the church year. The readings throughout this non-festival half of the year focus on Jesus' teaching and our maturing in the faith.

**As Pastor Whittle's family** continues to deal with Covid-19 (Emma has been released, but Carrie is awaiting results of her own test), please continue to contact Pastor or one of the elders in case of need. Pastor will help what he can or call on a brother pastor as needed.

**Pastor Whittle and his family** wish to express thanks for the attitude of generosity and the spirit of compassion shown by the members of the congregation during the pandemic, and especially while the Parsonage has served as a House of Quarantine. Though we look forward to a return to something resembling normal, we give thanks to God for the blessings He bestows even now!

**CALVARY INSIDER** – What has been happening the past few weeks . . .

- A full week of classes was a success! It is heart-warming to hear laughter in the hallways, students rekindling friendships, meeting new classmates, and building awesome relationships with their teachers.
- Student Government did a great job presenting the Student Handbook with fun skits that got the whole school involved. They even coordinated a fun game of “socially distanced” Simon Says on the soccer field while enjoying popsicles!
- The highly anticipated “Dress Code Video” presented by Student Government and guests and produced by Calvary alum Samuel Luetkemeyer was unveiled – be sure to check it out on Calvary’s Facebook page!
- Students quickly adjusted to a “new look” in classrooms and the Calvary Café with polycarbonate dividers. Group work and socializing continued in a new “safe” way!
- It was a joy to have Pastor Morris lead chapel to explain the elements of Lutheran worship . . . such a great reminder of what a blessing it is to worship together.

**NEW APPROACH TO FALL SPORTS** – To keep athletes, coaches, and fans as safe as possible, there will be a new look to fall athletic events at Calvary. Baseball, cross country, and softball, because they are outdoors, will still be open to all spectators. For baseball & softball, we ask that everyone bring lawn chairs to stay socially distanced. Due to the limited space available to socially distance indoors, volleyball games will not be open to the public. Spectators will have designated seats to sit within family groups. Preference will be given to Calvary school families first, but if you would like to attend these games, please contact the office to see if any reserved seating is available. If you are not able to attend volleyball games, you are welcome to watch live via [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://twitch.tv/calvarylhs) (must be lowercase) when available. Admission to these events will be \$3/ adults, \$2/ students, seniors citizens are free.

**CALVARY’S GIFT OPPORTUNITIES** – Calvary’s Gift, a unique upscale thrift store located at 722 Jefferson Street, benefits EVERY Calvary student in the form of “bridging the gap” of the cost of education and the price of tuition. Calvary’s Gift is 100% volunteer run and help is needed! To volunteer a few hours, sign up for a spot on the SignUp Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9ab28aafcc52-volunteer> Contact John Meisel at 573-821-8875 with any questions. Don’t forget to shop and drop off donations during regular business hours - Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

**CRIMSON & SILVER DINNER AUCTION UPDATE** – The Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction rescheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> has been changed to a completely VIRTUAL AUCTION and will happen in November. This event is the single largest annual fundraiser that Calvary hosts and blesses every Calvary student by lowering the cost of education. Please be watching for important details for the “online virtual event” because this new format has the potential to meet and even exceed our typical fundraising goals. More information to come!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** – Calvary is immediately seeking a mission-minded, enthusiastic individual with a passion for promoting Calvary to the greater Mid-Missouri region. This is a part-time administrative assistant position, 15-hrs per week (3 hrs/day, M-F) with an emphasis on school communications & public relations: newsletters, social media & slide shows. Resumes are to be submitted to Calvary, 2525 Rte B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

## 861 Christ Be My Leader

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**Commit your way | to the LORD;\*  
trust in him, and | he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
and your justice as the | noonday.

**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\*  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries  
out evil de- | vices!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

## Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,

declares the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 12:9–21*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Alleluia

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:21–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his

Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

- 1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, Thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
Thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, Thou universal Savior,  
Bearer of our sin and shame!  
By Thy merit we find favor:  
Life is given through Thy name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
All our sins on Thee were laid;  
By almighty love anointed,  
Thou hast full atonement made.  
All Thy people are forgiven  
Through the virtue of Thy blood;

Opened is the gate of heaven,  
Reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,  
There forever to abide;  
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee,  
Seated at Thy Father's side.  
There for sinners Thou art pleading;  
There Thou dost our place prepare,  
Ever for us interceding  
Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing  
Thou art worthy to receive;  
Highest praises, without ceasing,  
Right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
All your noblest anthems raise;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits,  
Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

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## Sermon

### *Stand*

## Offertory

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Knowing the will of God that all would come to the knowledge of Your Son and find salvation in Christ, let us pray on behalf of our parish community and for all people according to their needs.

### *Brief silence*

For our faith and faithfulness, especially for those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and

For our strength in time of trial and for us to persevere in grace in the day of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.



**P** For the Church, Jerusalem on high, our mother in Christ until Christ is fully formed in us;  
For the pastors who serve us, that they may be faithful stewards of God's mysteries, especially Pastor Morris as he serves Alive in Christ in Columbia;  
For all faithful missionaries, including Jamie DiLiberto (9/1), Justin Logston (9/1), and Herman Strozier (9/5); and  
For those at home and abroad, who bring the message of salvation to those who have not heard, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Donald, our president; Mike, our governor; and all legislators and civil servants;  
For those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers;  
For those who work for peace among the nations; and  
For the military chaplains who serve those who serve, including Jonathan Szczesny, Christopher Bucklew, Brian Johnston, and Geoffrey Gronewold, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For favorable weather and for those who tend the soil and harvest its fruits;  
For business and industry, service workers and artisans;  
For generosity toward those in need; and  
For the unemployed and underemployed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those married, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises;  
For parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord;  
For single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others;  
For our lives together showing the love of Christ one to another;  
For Lois Belshe (8/31) as she celebrates another birthday;  
For Chance & Angela Crabtree (9/5) as they celebrate their anniversary; and  
For all who live in the Lord's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For grace to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever He leads;  
For courage in the face of challenge and adversity; and  
For compassion and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For holy lives of faith; and  
For this holy assembly, that we may present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our remembrance of the saints and grace to follow their example of faith;  
For God to grant us a place with them in their fellowship; and  
For our eternal life in God's kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Holy Spirit, You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

## 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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## Lord's Prayer

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.
  
- 2 If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe  
To our home we go.
  
- 3 When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.
  
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.

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